

“BUT THE
PHARISEES AND
THE LAWYERS
REJECTED THE
PURPOSE OF GOD
FOR THEMSELVES”



Luke 7:30

**Things to
remember
about the
Plans of
God**



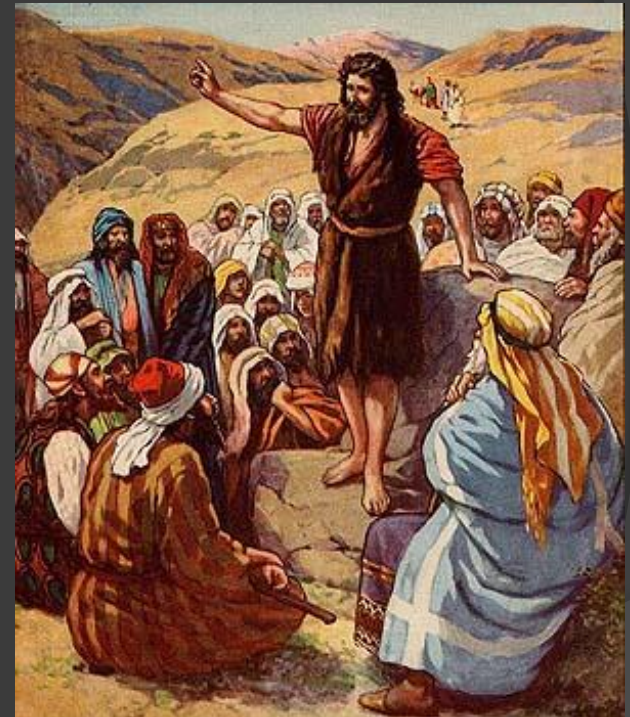
1. They unfold and develop to their perfection over time

- “Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith” **Galatians 3:24**
- Abraham and his offspring
- The law of marriage



2. There might be different styles and messages to reach the same end

- Between John the Baptist and the Son of Man
- Either a warning message or that of hope; both are to move us to repentance.
- Between the asceticism of the Great Fast and the joy of the Holy Fifty Days
- St. Barnabas and St. Paul



3. All of God's plans are preceded by long preparations

- Between the promise of Salvation in the garden and His coming to the earth
- Between the Exodus from Egypt and entering the Promised Land
- St. John the Baptist and preparing the way for the Lord



4. The plans of God need the people of God to execute them

- ◉ Noah in his generation
- ◉ Moses and the deliverance of the people of Israel
- ◉ Jonah
- ◉ St. Mary
- ◉ St. Paul with his talents and zeal



5. We have to do our part in His Plans

- The tenth plaque
- Offer the five loaves and the two fish so He can bless them
- Move the stone so He can bring Lazarus out alive
- He gives His salvation freely, but we have to accept it.



6. Nothing is added to God's thinking to alter His plans

- “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’”

Matthew 25:34

- The creation of Eve



7. God cares as much about the process as He cares about the end

- ◎ The tabernacle of meeting
- ◎ The Cross

